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Charter Commission Approves Two Thirds Vote

At last Thursdays session of the Charter Commission, the Commission voted to revise the number of votes necessary for the Town Council to approve transfers from the reserve account. Presently reserve transfer approvals require only a majority vote, and not the two-thirds majority required for all other transfers. Under the new revision which was proposed by Councilor and Commission Member Ken Barnes, all transfers will require a two-thirds vote by the Council to "promote fiscal awareness." It was noted by Commission Chairman Andrew Gallano, that such a requirement would make department heads more cautious with their budgets.

In Thursdays session, the Commission also modified the charter objection revision in the Council-Manager form of govern-

ment from what was tentatively approved in an earlier session. The new revision states that a councilor can halt a vote on an issue any time between the official motion to consider the issue and the time to put it to a vote. Under the present charter, an objection cannot be raised until the roll has been called for a vote, and there can be no further discussion. The new revision will spare the council from wasting time in debating an issue that might be charter objected to in the end.

This Wednesdays session of the Commission will deal with the Council-Manager form of government, and on Thursday, final votes will be taken on all sections of this charter. The Commission meets at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Mannor at 7:30 p.m.

Policemen's Ball Slated

The Agawam Police Department will hold its thirty fifth annual Policemen's Ball on June 23, 1978 at Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30 and dancing to the music of "Summer Breeze" from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The affair will be semi-formal.

Chairman for the event is Edward Borgatti, and Police

Chief Romeo Borgatti will act as honorary chairman. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Police station, or from any Police officer. The price of tickets is \$10.00. Parties of ten people may reserve a table.

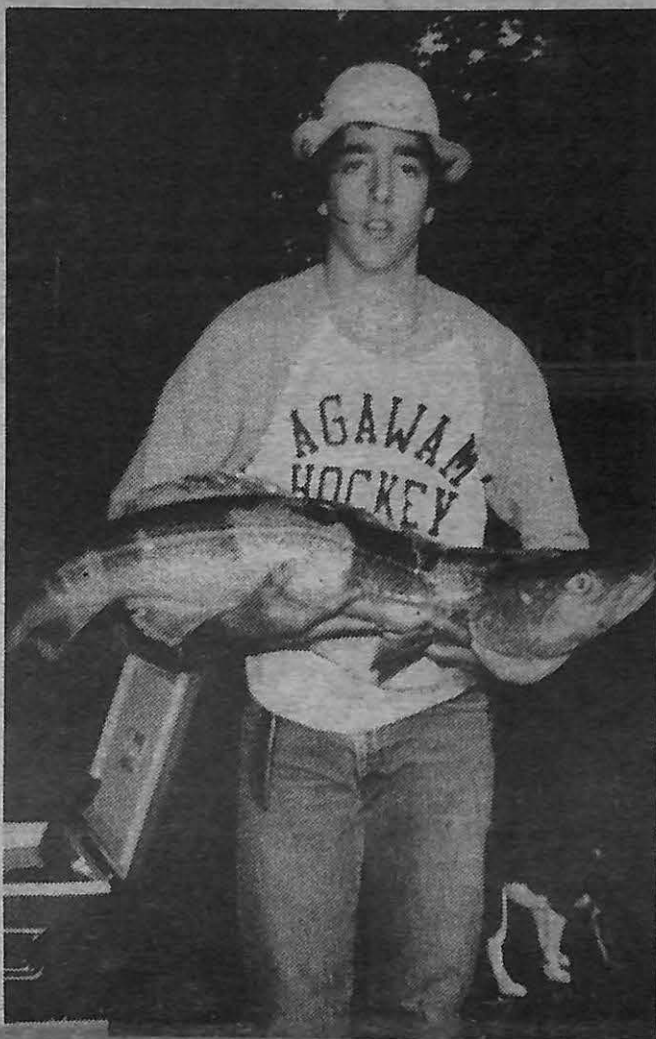
Join in on the fun and help the Agawam Police Department make this years "Policemen's Ball" the successful event it has always been in the past.

Council For Children Seeks Ban

Support is requested of all Agawam residents who would like to see Robinson State Park restored back to its natural beauty and used by people of the community again for its full potential. Please contact Town Manager Peter Caputo and the Town Councilors to see if an ordinance can be passed to ban motorcycles from the park. Have you taken a walk or ride through the park lately? Trails being made by motorcyclists are damaging

the beauty of the park. Whole terrains are being dug up by the cycles. The noise at night is a problem to abutting residents. Problems multiply with the trash discarded by people who don't care. A letter of support for the restoration of the park and keeping the motorcycles out may be written to Mr. Caputo or Ken Debuque, Box 484, Amherst, Mass. 01002, or contact Edna Condino at the Council for Children.

No Fish Story



Chris Perrault of Agawam holds the 25 pound cod fish he caught on a recent fishing trip to Gloucester.

Council For Children

Dr. Ernest Cannava, Superintendent of Schools, Agawam Public Schools, will be the Guest Speaker at the Educational Conference, Holyoke High School, Beech Street, Holyoke. Dr. Cannava's address will be on how he has instituted the Glasser "Schools Without Failure" concept in the Agawam school system. Come, bring a friend!

After the address of Dr. Cannava there will be workshops to attend on Parent Wrap, Innovative Ideas in Vocational Education, Early Childhood Programs, Specialty Panel on 766, Panel on Counseling Services, Title I, School Finance Reform, 766 CORE Process, Glasser's Ten Steps To Discipline, Bi-Lingual Education, and Parent Power Discussion Group. All workshops are free.

Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on June 8, 1978, in the Meeting Room in the Agawam Town Hall.

Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Meeting Room in the Agawam Town Hall.

Variance Granted : Mrs. D's Country Store

On wednesday, May 31, the Agawam Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant a three year variance to Mrs. D's Country Store. The zoning variance is the latest development in the on again off again short history of the general store located at 311 Southwick Street in Feeding Hills.

Mrs D's Country Store, generally a relaxing, casual country atmosphere, has been the focal point of a long and emotional controversy for the past two years. The Country Store is situated in an area zoned A-2 Residential and has drawn considerable fire from abutting neighbors, who successfully waged a court fight to have the store closed on May 17 of this year. The court decision would have made the land valueless, according to some sources, and would have rendered severe economic hardship on the owners, Joseph and Jeannette DiFlumera.

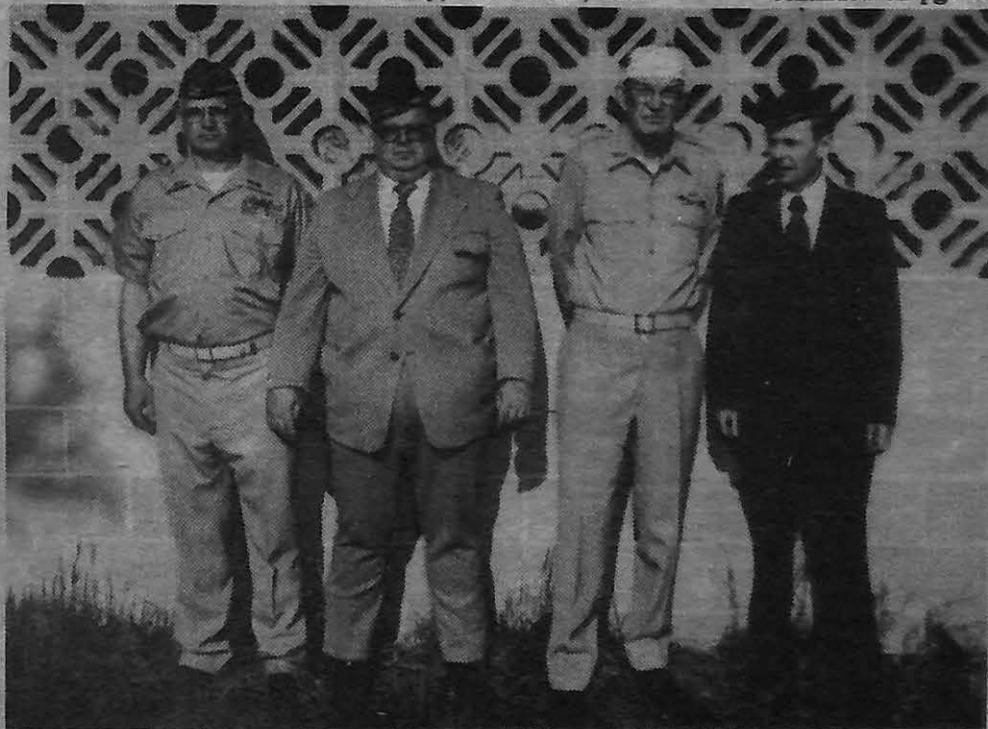
The successful court action was based on the fact that the property had discontinued the non conforming use for a substantial period of time and should revert back to the A-2 zoning. The court action aroused a flood of neighborhood support and the DiFlumeras launched a petition drive which gathered over fifteen hundred signatures. This petition was one of the persuasive arguments used by the DiFlumeras and their Attorney, Elio Belluci, when

they appeared before the Agawam Board of Appeals on May 10 to petition for the variance to allow them to re-open their store.

The Board of Appeals decision came on the last day before a new state zoning law becomes effective which would prohibit the granting of variances for use unless permitted by town ordinances. Chairman of the Board, Theodore Progulskie, had acknowledged previously that the Board would attempt to reach a decision in May to beat the deadline. Mr. Progulskie took great pains to explain that the Board had obtained legal counsel, Attorney James Allen, to advise them on the propriety of handing down a decision which would have the effect of overturning a Superior Court decision. Mr. Allen had prepared two drafts for the Board's consideration, one for the motion and one against. He informed the Board that the Court decision had been rendered as a "procedural" formality and should not be construed as forever blocking action by the Agawam Board of Appeals to grant a variance, if they so desired.

Mr. Allen then read his draft in favor of granting the petition. The Board unanimously adopted the motion and the second draft was not read. The voting members of the Board, beside Mr. Progulskie, are Jerry Zerra, who is owner of

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V.F.W. Post 1632 officers for 1978-79 are from left: Commander, Earl Walrath; Jr. Vice Commander Joe Dudley, Bob Morris, Chaplin; and Quartermaster Vic LaCross.

V.F.W. Elects Officers

Installation for officers of Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632 for the year 1978-79 was held at the Post Home recently. Installed as Commander was Earl Walrath. Joe

Dudley was installed as Jr. Vice Commander, Bob Morris as Chaplin, and Vic LaCross as Quartermaster. Commander Walrath said that he is very pleased with

the community service the Post has participated in in the past year, and hopes that everyone will cooperate to continue that type of service in the coming year.

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Music Events For June

Music events coming up in the schools during June include a concert by the 5th Grade Chorus, directed by Mrs. Sylvia Starkie which will be held at the Junior High School Auditorium on Tuesday evening, June 6; The Junior High Band and the 5th Grade Beginner Band will perform for all students in the 4th grade on Monday morning June 12 at the Junior High Auditorium. Community Band starts June 13.

On Wednesday evening, June 14 an evening of music by string instruments will be held at the Middle School Auditorium. All of the students taught by Mrs. Dorothy Hegarty including elementary, Middle School, and Junior High String groups will perform.

On Wednesday evening, June 21 the All Star Recital by outstanding solos and small ensembles will take place at the Junior High School auditorium.

High School Music Awards

Music awards for outstanding contributions to Band and Chorus groups were given to members of the graduating class at the high school. Many of the awards include the recipients name being engraved on award plaques kept in the high school music rooms and trophy cases. These include the John Philip Sousa Award won by Caren Ouellette, the National School Choral Award - Lori Chandler and Maureen Trempe; The Chopin Piano Award - Craig Rovelli; the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - Jeff Duggan and the Arion Medals for Band - Janet Webb and Chorus - Diane Burgamaster.

Other music awards included the Band Prizes for service to the Band - Mark Rolland and Mark Olson and the Honorable Mention Awards for outstanding service to the Chorale - Chris cone, Lorraine Scoville and Cindy Cormier.

Special Choral pins for musical achievement were awarded to Mary Mackintosh and Philomena Napoli and an All State Choral Pin to Diane Burgamaster.

Grecian Festival

"A Little Bit of Greece Comes To Western Mass." Sponsored by St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church Wilbraham-Monson Academy will be held on June 16, 17, 18, 1978. There will be a Greek Restaurant, Crafts, Imports, Art Show, Flea Market, Homemade Greek Pastries and Entertainment Nightly.



At the recent celebration of Ames Department Store's twentieth anniversary, Manager Frank Wayte (center), the Manager of the Ames store in Westfield, presented flower boxes to residents of several local nursing homes. Westfield Mayor Garreth Lynch, second from right, and Steve Doychak, Director of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, third from right were among the dignitaries present at the ceremonies.

photo by Jack Devine

Girl Scouts Offer Variety Of Summer Programs

Traditionally, summer time for girl scouts has meant camping. In the summer of '78, however, it can also mean roller skating, bowling, summer centers and trips.

"Over the years, we have come to learn that not all of our girls want to just camp during the summer months," according to Mrs. Ellen Premo, president of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council. "In order to meet the needs and interests of our own Girl Scouts and to better serve non-girl scouts throughout the community, we have added a wider variety of programs to our summer activities."

All programs are open to all girls, ages 6-17, Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts.

Traditional, as well as new innovative programs are

being offered at resident camp. As a result of shared resources and cooperation in planning, Western Massachusetts Council's Camp Sandy Brook and Pioneer Valley's Camp Bonnie Brae are open to all girls from both councils. This broadens greatly the opportunities to girls. Activities include hiking, biking, horse-back riding, as well as water sports, arts and crafts and dramatics.

Camp Sandy Brook is located on Norwich Lake in Huntington. It's three two-week sessions begin on July 2, July 16 and August 13. The eight one-week sessions begin on July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 5, August 13 and August 20.

Camp Bonnie Brae is located on the shores of Big Pond nestled in the

Berkshire Hills in East Otis, Massachusetts. The oldest, continuously operating Girl Scout Camp in the country, Bonnie Brae will begin it's 59th season on July 9. The three two-week sessions begin on July 9, July 23, and August 6. Six one-week sessions begin on July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6 and August 13. In order to insure your first choice session, register your daughter now, by calling the Girl Scout office, 734-3159.

TRIPS PROGRAM

If exploring new places interests your daughter, then participation in any of 14 different council sponsored trips might be for her. The trips program includes: June 27, Bronx Zoo in New York; July 6, Steamtown, continued on pg. 7

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UNICO Scholarships Announced - Banquet Slated

Agawam chapter of Unico will hold their annual scholarship and installation dinner Wednesday June 14 at Chez Josef with social hour from 6:30-7:30 and dinner 7:30 p.m. After dinner scholarship chairman David D'Antonio and co-chairman Peter Forastiere will present \$200.00 certificates to 9 graduating seniors who are college bound. The 9 recipients were chosen from a field of 29 applications. They were graded according to academic average, college boards, financial need and extra curriculum etc. following are the scholarship winners.

Antonette Marie Contrino
180 Line St., Agawam, Ma.

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jay Contrino - Attending Bryant College, Smithfield R.I. ; Laura Ann DeMuis, 105 Channel Drive, Agawam, Ma. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dubuque. Attending Bay Path Jr. College, Longmeadow, Mass.; Ann Elizabeth Liddell, daughter of Charles Liddell and Roalie Talbot, 16 Sycamore Ter., Agawam, Ma. Attending Swain School of Design, New Bedford, Ma.; Lee-Ann Mercadante, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mercadante, 374 Poplar St., Feeding Hills, Ma. Attending Springfield College, 263 Allen St., Springfield, Ma.; Laura Moirano, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Moireno, 24

Deering St., Agawam, Ma. Attending Bay Path Jr. College, Longmeadow, Ma.; Philomena Marie Napoli, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Palmiero Napoli, 31 Rowley St., Agawam, Ma. Attending Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, Ma.; Patricia Ann Guill, 69 Valentine Ter., Agawam, Ma. daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah Quill. Attending University of Mass. Amherst, Ma.; Joellen Secondo, daughter of Mrs. Beverly Secondo, 27 Center Street, Agawam, Ma. Attending University of Mass., Amherst, Ma. and Paul Patrick Tangredi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Domenick

Tangredi, 583 Suffield St., Agawam, Ma. Attending Mass. Maritime Academy. Also that evening the "Brian Piccolo" award will be presented to Salvatore Morassi for excellence in sports. Rocco Perrone, UNICO National Athletic Chairman and Agawam UNICO guest, will present the plaque. All recipients and their parents will be guest of Agawam UNICO for the evening. The affair is open to the public, recipients relatives and friends. Anyone wishing to attend the affair are to call President James V. Bruno Sr.- 786-3575 or Lou Pedulla "Alert Chairman" - 786-0842 before cut off date of June

10. Next UNICO affair will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q on July 30 at Storowton Theatre Wednesday August 9. Sergio Franchi with Dana Valery and Billy Baxter.

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Monday JUNE 5

6:00 ROSELAND

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8:00 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE

Scott Jacoby from *That Certain Summer* (PG-1:34)

10:00 MARATHON MAN

Laurence Olivier in one of his best performances (R-2:05)

12:15 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE

Ominous happenings in a lonely house (PG-1:34)

Tuesday JUNE 6

5:30 THE LAST TYCOON

Tony Curtis, Jeanne Moreau and Ray Milland (PG-2:05)

8:00 SMALL CHANGE

Parent-child relationships explored with candor and humor (Dubbed-PG-1:33)

10:00 THE LAST TYCOON

All-star look at movie industry of 1940s starring Robert De Niro (PG-2:05)

12:15 FRATERNITY ROW

Brutal fraternity hazing in 1950s college (G-1:41)

Wednesday JUNE 7

6:00 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN!

Snoopy, the bumbling beagle, and all the rest of the lovable troupe (G-1:25)

8:00 KING KONG

Suspense-packed update not to be missed (PG-2:14)

10:30 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS

On Location. His triumphant return to home town of Philadelphia.

11:45 THE ENFORCER

Clint Eastwood is Dirty Harry and plenty tough (R-1:36)

Thursday JUNE 8

6:00 ROSELAND

Helen Gallagher is stunning as dance instructor/go-between. Geraldine Chaplin co-stars (PG-1:43)

8:00 WORLD TEAM TENNIS

New Orleans Nets vs. Anaheim Oranges (tape)

9:30 ORCA

A tale of a whale, a whale of a tale. Charlotte Rampling co-stars (PG-1:32)

11:00 THE STEAGLE

Slaphappy, madcap movie with Cloris Leachman (R-1:30)

Friday JUNE 9

6:00 SMALL CHANGE

What it's like to be a child (Dubbed-PG-1:44)

8:00 GRAND THEFT AUTO

Premiere. Enough thrills and spills for three movies. Ron Howard stars (PG-1:29)

9:30 KINGDOM OF THE SPIDERS

Horror tale (PG-1:35)

11:30 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES

NEIL SIMON

SRO. Gala gathering.

1:00 GRAND THEFT AUTO

What happens to that black-and-tan Rolls? (PG-1:29)

Saturday JUNE 10

2:30 HAROLD AND MAUDE

Bud Cort (PG-1:31)

4:00 THE LATE SHOW

Art Carney (PG-1:30)

5:30 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE

Jodie Foster (PG-1:32)

7:00 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS

8:00 WHERE'S POPPA?

Premiere. Boy and his mom—but some mother! (R-1:27)

9:30 ROAD TO SALINA

Premiere. Bizarre tale of deception and murder (R-1:36)

11:30 MARATHON MAN

Marthe Keller (R-2:05)

1:35 DAVID BRENNER

Sunday JUNE 11

3:00 SMALL CHANGE

Bundle of joy from François Truffaut (Dubbed-PG-1:44)

5:00 AUDREY ROSE

Marsha Mason (PG-1:53)

7:00 CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS

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8:00 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!

Premiere. SRO. Dick Cavett hosts this all-new show.

9:30 THE STEAGLE

Cloris Leachman (R-1:30)

11:00 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!

12:30 SHECKY GREENE

1:30 STEAGLE (R-1:30)

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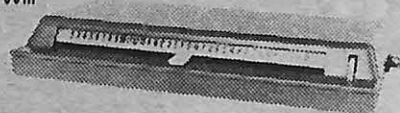
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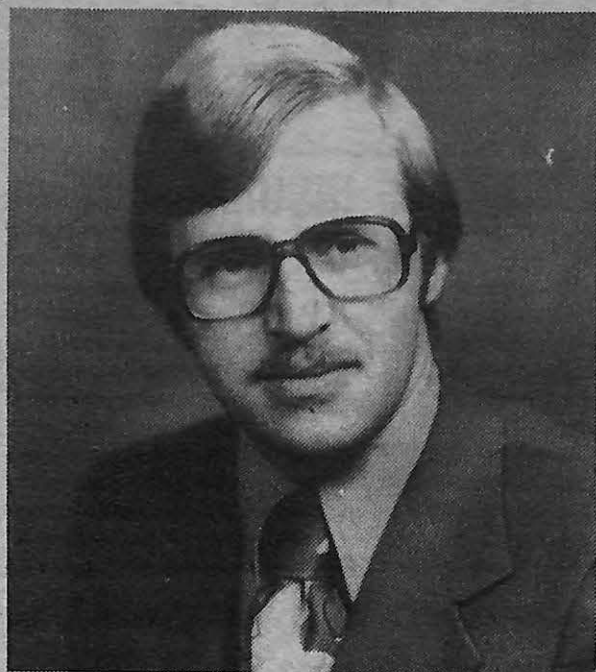
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Boutin Promoted

Wilson Brunel, President of the Third National Bank of Hampden County, today announced the election of Kenneth C. Boutin as an Assistant Vice President in

the Commercial Loan Division.

Mr. Boutin, a native of Chicopee, comes to the Third National Bank from his position as Assistant Vice President of the First Agricultural National Bank of Berkshire County in Pittsfield which he joined in 1975. He was previously associated with the Eastfield Mall and East Longmeadow Offices of Union Federal Savings and Loan Association for over three years.

He received an AA degree from St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Connecticut; BA and MA degrees from Niagra University, Albany, New York; and a MED degree from Springfield College.

Mr. Boutin was Educational Chairman and Vice President of Berkshire Hills Chapter, American Institute of Banking and served as a Division Chairman of the United Way in Pittsfield.

He and his wife, the former Roalie A Genest of Ludlow, reside in Agawam.

Conservation Commission

Pursuant to the Provisions of General Law Chapter 131: Section 40, the Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at Town Administration Building, in the Hearing Room on June 8, 1978 at 8:00 p.m.

This hearing is called to act on a Letter of Intent submitted by Hendom Heights, Sections 1, 2, 3: Colonial Acres; and Charter Oaks Estates, to perform work under the name of Mark V Development Co., Inc. at South Westfield Street and South West Street.

Summer Centers

Summer centers offer continuity in Girl Scout program. Staffed by trained Girl Scout adults, the centers are open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 3:30. Your daughter may register by the day or by the week as your family vacation plans allow. In order to make summer activities more accessible to more communities in the council, we have three different locations, each at a different time during the summer months.

For the four weeks from July 10 to August 4, a center will be located at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 45 Buckingham Street in Springfield. Mrs. Premo explained that, "as a council, we want to serve the entire community. In having a summer center located in the heart of the city, we hope to introduce Girl Scouting to more girls. In order to accomplish this goal, and to better meet the needs of families in the community, this center not only is open to all girls from 6 to 17, but also is open to all boys of the same ages."

From July 10 to 28, a summer center will be located at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club in Ludlow. Our Agawam summer center will be open from July 24 to August 11. It is located on Adam Street in Agawam.

To obtain more information on these programs and to register your children for any of them, call the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council office 734-3159.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Well, the heat has finally hit us and it was a long time in coming. It can get as hot as it wants to and I won't be one to complain....that sure was a long winter. It may also have been a long winter for your shrubs, flowering bushes or trees and the evergreens. They may be in need of pruning and you don't know where to begin. Maybe these thoughts will help. Pruning during the dormant season (late fall-winter) will result in an explosion of growth the following spring. This growth will often be overgrowth, which is not what you are looking for. Pruning during early summer tends to inhibit replacement growth and will encourage the development of flower buds. This is what will keep the flowering bush in bounds and full of blossoms year after year. Make sure you use the proper tool for the job. If the branch is smaller than your middle finger, use a hand pruner; from finger size to garden hose size branches you should use lopping shears; branches larger than a garden hose should be sawed with a pruning saw. Make clean cuts as close to the main stem as possible and always, just above a bud. Don't leave any stubs! When the end of a cut is larger than a penny, coat it with 'pruning paint' (tree wound dressing). Do not use ordinary household paint as it might contain solvents that could injure the plant tissue and discourage healing. Some trees are called 'bleeders', meaning that they suffer when pruned during late winter or early spring. Some of these are Maple, Walnut, Beech, and

Birch. These are safely pruned in the dead of summer.

The blackberry, raspberry and dewberry bushes need to be pruned to give maximum berry production. These plants bear the best fruit on one-year old canes. Determine if your plants are spring-bearing or ever-bearing. If they are spring-bearing, remove the spent canes as the crop finishes in early summer. If your plants are ever-bearing, you should leave the fruit-bearing canes until the end of the summer. Don't forget to fertilize these plants with a good fertilizer such as 5-10-10. I feed mine early in the spring and again after they have produced their crop.

Perennials, plants that come up year after year from hardy roots, are one of my great gardening loves. These handsome plants grow on all sides of my home and become more beautiful each year. I strongly suggest that anyone who likes to garden invest in one or more of these faithful plants, if you have not already. The types of plants available are amazing. Next week I will list some of my favorites and discuss them at some length. Now, I want to give you a short list of guiding principles when you go to plant perennials. Provide a background. Give leading roles to the big five-Iris, Peony, Delphinium, Phlox and Hardy Aster. Proceed by plan only. Consider foliage as well as flowers. Arrange color in a front to rear wave. Next Week: Perennials at length; Grow ferns everywhere for good looks in the garden. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Swingles Square Dance Club

The Swingles Square dance will be held at the Dance Club will feature Church of Good Shepherd, Henry Cosimini calling and Elm Street, West Springfield. the Benoits cueing the rounds at their summer send off square dance on Friday, June 16th at 8 p.m. The

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A.I.C. Graduates

Three hundred and seven master's and advanced degrees will be awarded Sunday, May 28 at 3 p.m. at the Springfield Civic Center as American International College conducts its annual commencement exercises.

Receiving degrees from Agawam are: David M. Soja of 418 Meadow St.; Michael J. DiPietro of 47 Bridge St.; Sherry A. Sausville of 54 Charles St.; Phyllis E. S. Thomas of 99 Pineview

Circle; Robert W. Swikalus of 63 Clover Hill Rd.; Robert D. Campbell of 46 Washington Ave.

From Feeding Hills: Ronald J. Lech of 12 Princeton Ave.; Mitchell T. Borowiec of 28 Robin Ridge Rd.; Robert A. Mohr of 33 Norman Terrace; Linda Ann Reed Morell of 22 Kathy Terrace; and Thomas D. Pirnie of 108 Grnger Dr.

From Southwick: Kevin C. Littlefield of 22 Ed Holcomb Rd.

At the recent annual conference of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership the Agawam Junior Women's Club was honored with several very high awards and two certificates of appreciation. The conference which was held at the Sheraton-Regal in Hyannis, Mass. was attended by a delegation of ten Agawam Junior Women. Awards of overall excellence were accorded the Agawam Junior Women for their Community Improvement Project and for their contributions to Federation Topics (a statewide publication of the Mass. Federation of Women's Clubs).

The continuing success of

Jr. Women Receive Awards

the Safety Bug Program (an innovation of the Agawam Junior Women to orient children to safe bus riding practices) was responsible for winning the club the overall excellence award for Community Improvement.

Among the other honors accorded the Agawam Junior Women were Best Medium Size Club in the area of Conservation and Best Orientation Program for Club Membership. The March of Dimes and CARE organizations extended two certificates of appreciation to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for their contributions. And an individual award was given to Mrs. Laurel Malerba of 989 North St. Ext. Feeding Hills for her winning entry in the mixed media art competition.



Linda Longhi

Longhi Graduation

Miss Linda Longhi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Longhi, 173 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. graduated Sunday, June 4, 1978 from Saint Francis Hospital School of

Nursing, Hartford, Connecticut.

A 1975 graduate of Agawam High, Miss Longhi is employed by Saint Francis Hospital.

Ralph Martin Graduates

Ralph J. Martin, son of Mrs. Olive Hickey of 41 Lealand Ave., was graduated with a Diploma in Professional Music during May 13th Commencement Exercises at the internationally-acclaimed Berklee College of Music in Boston.

More than 300 graduating seniors, representing the College's Degree and Professional Diploma granting programs in Applied Music, Music Education, Composition,

Arranging, and Instrumental Performance, attended the ceremonies at the Berklee Performance Center.

The principal speaker was University of Massachusetts President Dr. Franklin Patterson. The Class of 1978 is the largest in Berklee's history with 317 Baccalaureate Degrees awarded by Berklee President Lawrence Berk, 25 going to students representing 15 different countries.

Wilson Thompson Post 185 : Special Notice To Members

Nomination of officers for Wilson Thompson Post 185 The American Legion Inc. will be held at our next meeting for the 1978-1979 season. Offices to be filled are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd, Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, Sgt. At Arms, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Executive Committee and delegates and alternates to Hampden County Council. The date June 12, 1978.

Community Tag Sale

An extensive community tag sale will be sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club on June 10, 1978 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School on 760 Cooper St. in Agawam, Mass. The local women's club will be renting the space from the Agawam High School Faculty Club. Anyone wishing to donate items should contact Mrs. Diana Willard, 142 Cooper St. Agawam, Mass. or Mrs. Terry Bretman 82 Joanne Circle, Feeding Hills, Mass. The Club women will sell items on a 25 percent commission basis if requested and will assist with pick up of articles if necessary.

Miss Cusson Graduates

Cynthia Cusson was elected to serve as secretary of the Student Government Association at Northeastern Christian Junior College, Villanova, Pa., for 1978-79. Cindy has recently completed her freshman year at NCJC where she was secretary of the Freshman Class, a member of the A Cappella Chorus and active in the Drama Club and a member of the Yearbook staff.

Cindy was also active in the Christian Service Club, Students for Northeastern, and was a member of the cast of "Carousel."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cusson, 70 Royal St., Agawam.

Golden Agers News

The Agawam Golden Agers held their monthly meeting on May 31 at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor. The club was entertained by Mr. Sheldon Petcomb with movies of New England bird life and the making of cheese in Holland and Italy.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Agawam Golden Agers will be held on June 14, 1978 at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor at 1:30 p.m. Highlight of the afternoon will be Gift Bingo.

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Miss Hubbard Makes Dean's List



Holly Hubbard

Miss Holly A. Hubbard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wylie C. Hubbard of Edgewater Road, Agawam has accomplished Freshman Honors and Dean's List Standing at the conclusion of her first year at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Holly is a member of the class of '81 at St. Anselm's, working on her Baccalaureate in Administrative Nursing with a secondary in Psychology.

St. Anthony's Tag Sale

Parish Council of St. Anthony's church of Padua of Agawam will have a 3 day tag and bake sale June 9th from 6-9p.m.; June 10th 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and June 11th from 12 to in church hall on Maple St. Agawam. Proceeds will go for rectory siding. Donated articles gratefully accepted call 786-3724; 786-4551 or 786-6378. Articles are to be left at rectory garage 108 Bridge St. Agawam. If you don't have time to deliver articles or heavy articles call above

Advisory Council

The Greater Springfield Regional Advisory Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 1978, at the Duggan Jr. High School Springfield, Ma. at 7:30 p.m.

There is a need for parent members who have children in program prototypes 502.1, 502.3 and 502.4 and ex-officio members from Human Service Agencies. The RAC

numbers. If you don't believe us try us. Rev. Joseph H. Fellin C.S.S. is Honorary Chairman and Mrs. Lino Gatti and Mrs. James Beggs are Co-Chairpersons Paul Ferrarini will handle news media. Co-Chairpersons are asking people to clean their attics cellars and garages and bring articles to rectory garage. They also need lots of voluntary help to sort, price, sales persons home baked goods, cakes, pies, cookies and muffins will be chaired by church women.

needs representation in the Agawam school system.

If you are interested in submitting your name, please send a letter expressing your interest to Elizabeth Desilets, 51 South Street, Granby, Ma. 01033 or Daniel Burke at the Springfield Regional Center, 155 Maple Street, Springfield, Ma. 01105.

Food Co-op

The Agawam Food Coop will hold its first flea market on Sunday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A raindate of July 9th, is set. The Food Cooperative, located at 495 Springfield St. in the Hollow Pine Shopping Center, will host the flea market and is inviting dealers, other cooperatives, and any other non-profit organizations interested in dealerspace to contact: Susan Curto (evenings) at 789-9843 or Ellen Ratner (days) at 786-4931, for reservations and more information.

The Agawam Food-

Holyoke Community College

For their athletic accomplishments during the 1977-78 academic year at Holyoke Community College, HCC students were presented certificates and letter awards at the College's Awards Banquet held recently (Sunday, May 21, 1978) at the Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke.

Awards were given to players in baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, soccer, women's basketball, and women's softball. Cheerleaders were also presented with awards.

The recipients, according to the HCC Athletic Director, Richard W. Golas, were: Mark Faucette, of Agawam, Hockey; Vicent Gianetti of hockey (also received Player Award in Hockey); Edward Mason, baseball; and Steven Smith, Hockey, all of Feeding Hills.

Flea Market

Cooperative is a non-profit organization working on a cooperative volunteer basis. Our food is health oriented, and our membership diverse. Many of our members are from Agawam, but we also have members from Springfield, W. Springfield, Ludlow and as far away as Three Rivers and Westfield. Volunteer members serve the public on Thursdays from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 - 12:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to know more about the Food Coop is welcome on those days.

A.A.A. Thanks

A well deserved THANK-YOU to the children, coaches and parents who participated in the Association Spring-Summer raffle. The total collected was \$2,96.00. Mrs. Carol Moriarty of Federal Street, Agawam was the recipient of the \$100.00 prize.

Girl Scouts

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USA, Bellows Falls, Vermont; July 13-14, Camp Bonnie Brae, East Otis, Ma; July 19, Mystic Seaport and Aquarium, Mystic, Ct.; July 25, Hancock Shaker Village; July 27, Santa's Land, Putney, Vt. In August, trips include: August 7, Mt. Greylock State Forest, Pittsfield, Ma; August 10, Northfield Mountain, Northfield, Ma; August 14, Red

Sox Game; August 15-16, Camp Bonnie Brae overnight, East Otis, Ma; August 22, Plymouth, Ma; August 24, New England Aquarium; August 28, Bradley Airport-Children's Museum-Amtrak Ride Home; August 30, Catskill Game Farm, N.Y. Registrations should be made at least two weeks before the date of the trip.

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Members of Brownie Troop 545 are shown with Granger School Principal James Loomis as they plant flowers in front of the school as part of their beautification work. Troop members are: Beth Whittaker, Kristen Gagne, Courtney Soden, Laura Drzal, Becki Runshaw, Marlo Montesi, Samantha Impoco, Kristyne Woge, Kerry Robinson, Holly Hitchcock, Denise Wands, Jennifer Frankenbery, Kim Sweeney, Michelle Butler, Yvonne Goucher, Kellee Brown, and Kim Hebert (holding rake). Troop leader is Mrs. Pat Montesi, and assistant leader is Mrs. Bonnie Gagne.



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Editorials

From the State Senate
by Senator Alan Sisitsky

From the
Editor's
Desk

by Pat Guevin



The Department of Environmental Affairs and several concerned groups and citizens alike are becoming increasingly disturbed by the destruction occurring in Robinson State Park by motorcyclists. It seems that the terrain is being torn up and foot trails destroyed. Hikers are being endangered by cyclists who persist in driving their vehicles on the foot paths. The litter problem is severe, and something lovely is being destroyed. The people of Agawam must take action to preserve the park from this kind of senseless destruction.

Apparently some confusion exists as to who has jurisdiction in the park. Local police have been reluctant to enter the state owned property since it does not, in actuality, fall under local authority. Some sources have it, however, that our town officials can mandate that the Agawam Police may enter the park on official business and their police powers would be intact.

Towards this end, the Council for Children has begun a campaign to press our Town Council and Town Manager on this issue. They have written letters to the Council and the Manager, and have sought support from the community. They support the ban on motorcycles in Robinson State Park, and so do we.

CETA funds have been appropriated to place some twelve Agawam youths into jobs working to clean up Robinson State Park. State officials, however, seem reluctant to use the young people since, with the present situation, cleaning the park would be practically useless. It is the feeling of everyone concerned that Robinson must be made clean and safe for the enjoyment of all of the people, and that we must not let a few unthinking individuals spoil what could be a truly beautiful area.

We urge the citizens of Agawam to tour the park, see the destruction for yourself, and decide if you are going to let this type of thing continue. If you decide that Agawam and its people need and deserve a park we can be proud of and enjoy, call your Councilor and the Town Manager and urge them to act upon the situation with all due haste. We have been given funds to clean it up and put some kids to work at the same time. Let us utilize this opportunity on the one hand, and stop the littering and destruction on the other. United the people of Agawam can accomplish something we can all be proud of.



It's Amusing

We have some good news and some bad news department. We've had our first accounting and the books are in good shape...for one family. However, since we have two families trying to eek out a living, we do have a slight problem. We've considered the options (like not feeding and clothing the kids) and have decided to have one of our families take over this newspaper and run it. It really is a one family business. Anyway, we tossed a coin, burned herbs and employed other scientific approaches and have decided that I should become employed elsewhere. My sister-in-law and brother will be sole owners and operators of this newspaper henceforth. I know you will all miss my good looks and charm but will survive.

Being somewhat masochistic, I have thoroughly enjoyed undressing my psyche in front of you and appreciate your kindness and tolerance for my humor.

I urge your continued support of this paper because we need you...and you need us. Nowhere else will you find the extent and type of community coverage you get in these pages. The chit chat, gossip and news contained in this paper will always be about you and yours. And what could be more interesting?

Had an interesting sales call this past week at one of our friendly financial institutions. While waiting to see the head honcho, I asked the receptionist directions to the men's room. Following her directions, I was about two feet away from the door when a young lady noticed my unfamiliar face and asked me if she could help. I should have resisted but replied, "no thank you, I can do it myself." Then I turned and went in. I happened to catch her out of the corner of my eye: a beautiful shade of scarlet...sometimes I can't resist small opportunities like that.

There have been a few people I've met in the past couple of years in Agawam that I am going to miss...unless I'm in a car. Then they had better be quick. Aside from those few, I have been blessed with the friendship and courtesy of many area merchants and citizens...I wish I could take the space to name you publicly for being the good people that you are, but for fear of leaving out one or two, I will just say thank you. May the force be with you.

Court Reform Bill

The court reform bill before the legislature is of genuine historic significance. The bill provides for a comprehensive and surgical restructuring of our judicial system. Massachusetts has only one comparable historic antecedent—the Butler-Griffin Act of 1859 which established a single Superior Trial Court for Massachusetts.

The inspiration for this legislation comes first from a speech given in 1908 by Roscoe Pound, later Dean of the Harvard Law School, when he addressed the American Bar Association and called for a unified court system with departments and divisions. That elusive goal is embodied within the court reform bill in the provision that any trial court judge may be assigned to sit in any trial court of Massachusetts — the hard fought concept of free transferability.

The second source for this legislation is the concept of centralized administration advocated years ago by Chief Justice Vanderbilt of New Jersey. The Chief Administrative Judge of the Trial Court with a court administrator responsible to him who has broad powers of supervision and control are the embodiment of the Vanderbilt ideal.

And so the two great threads of the court reform movement — the unified trial court and centralized administration — are woven together into the text of the legislation.

This bill is distinguished, moreover, not only by its conceptual roots, but by its practical impact — the efficient, effective, and speedy administration of justice. Without law, it is said, civilization dies. Our contribution here to a society of laws is a multiplicity of reforms which will help guarantee that the victims of crime no longer have to wait long periods of time for the trial of their alleged assailants and that citizens of moderate means will have quicker access to the courts to redress grave financial losses or personal injuries.

Every citizen, moreover, has an interest in eliminating waste and inefficiency in the administration of justice. The fragmentation and duplication caused by the involvement of county government in our courts should begin to end. No longer will we have hundreds of separate budgets under an antiquated system which defies rationality and justification. State financing of our court system moves us in the direction of Connecticut which abolished county government in the 1950's.

State financing also means property tax relief for the property taxpayers of Massachusetts — it is genuine tax reform as an

integral part of a court reform bill.

There will be one single budget for the judiciary reflecting appropriate priorities submitted by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to the General Court. State financing and a single budget for our court system are linked together and are basic, fundamental reforms.

The complex nature of this undertaking has led to the persistence and repetition of an error concerning its nature. This bill is not the adoption of the original recommendations of the Governor's Select Committee on Judicial Needs. First, that committee, chaired by the distinguished Professor of Law, Archibald Cox, recommended the centralization of all administrative authority in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. That recommendation was rejected because it created a tsar without any checks and balances, overloaded one individual with too much administrative responsibility, and created a central repository of authority far removed from the trial courts. The court reform bill proposed by the Judiciary Committee, on the other hand, establishes a Chief Administrative Judge centrally placed at the level of the Trial Court, and makes him subject to the general superintendency power of the the Supreme Judicial Court, including the power of removal. Secondly, the Cox Committee recommended the retention of two levels of courts, the present two-tiered system of a Superior Court and a District Court. The committee's proposal was to merge the housing, land and probate courts at the upper level into the superior court and to merge the Boston Municipal Court and the juvenile courts into the district court at the lower level. The unitary model of a single trial court was rejected as too visionary and politically impracticable, although ultimately desirable. I made the decision in mid-year that if we were to wage battle for court reform, why be as timid and cautious as the Cox Committee would have us be — why not move immediately toward the goal of a unitary trial court, a concept endorsed by the Massachusetts Bar Association and the American Bar Association. The current legislation reflects that judgement and that determination. Thirdly, the Cox Committee's proposal for the merger of the Housing and Land courts into the Superior Court was not wise and was rejected. For our Land Court with its carefully protected registration system and our two housing courts — the Boston Housing Court and the Hampden County

Most of you have probably heard by now that my brother-in-law is moving on to what, we hope for him, are greener pastures. I want to publically and sincerely thank him for his help and support in the starting of what was, for me at least, an entirely new venture. His knowledge and expertise helped us get our operation in motion, and now that we have our feet wet, so to speak, we look forward to a bright future for this newspaper and for the town of Agawam.

The Family Center at the Agawam Y.M.C.A. is seeking new memberships for the summer, and in the process are offering a substantial discount to first time families. This is all being done in a all out effort to keep the center operational. Agawam NEEDS the Y.M.C.A. facility. I urge you to support this most worthwhile cause. JOIN.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor;

This is an appeal to all motorists and dog owners. On May 2, 1978 our dog was struck and killed by a car on North Street Extension. At the time she was going out to "go to the bathroom" and was not on a leash. She went about her business as usual, but on her way back in she saw a neighbor and went to visit him. I immediately went out to get her to bring her in and scold her for running off, when a car came down the street. Normally our dog would come over to us as she was afraid of cars. But this time she got brave and ran at the car. The car struck her once, and then slammed his brakes on hitting our dog a second time, throwing her 10-15 feet down the road. Our feelings are everyone was in the wrong — us for not having her on a leash and just trusting her, the dog for running in the road at the car, and the motorist for not being more careful and travelling at a speed greater than allowed for a residential area. If a person owns a dog please keep it on a chain, leash, or in a pen where it cannot escape. There is always that one chance that any animal or child will take. It could be like our dog's — it's last. If you are a motorist and you see an animal near the road please slow down and honk,

and wait until you can see that the animal is out of your way. Dogs, in particular, are very much afraid of wheels and cars, and they have a natural instinct to bark and chase a vehicle with wheels. Seeing our dog get struck and killed was a nightmare. I wouldn't want to see or hear of anything like that happening again when it could've been avoided in the first place. If this could happen to our dog — a 70 lb. mixed breed — imagine what would have happened if that had been a child! The warm weather is here and kids are out now. You can talk and teach kids the value of safety to every extreme, and still they take chances and run into the road for various reasons without thinking. This summer let's all be a little more careful — obey speed limits in residential areas and watch out for the animals and children who may be thinking of taking that chance as you drive your car down the road. Animal owners can do their part by obeying the leash law no matter how guilty it feels to keep an animal confined. The town government can also do its part by enforcing both the leash laws and traffic speed laws.

Let's all have a safe and happy season. I sincerely hope what happened to us does not happen to you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Philip J. Cloutier

Housing Court — the only urban, suburban, rural housing courts in the United States — are models for the nation. And so this legislation is significantly different from the original Cox Committee proposals.

The issue of court reform has generated hard debate within the legislature since there are different constituencies making demands and harsh adversarial discussion and though, often brutal negotiating — it is democracy in action — court reform is a legislative product through compromise and consensus.

The classic work on delays in the administration of justice is "Bleak House" by Charles Dickens. The metaphor of fog symbolized the functioning of the courts when Dickens wrote, "Never can there come fog too thick to assort with the groping and floundering condition of

the courts."

Passage of the court reform bill will dispel the fog and let the sunshine of speedy justice descend upon the people of Massachusetts.

Obituaries

ELMER B. HOLTZ

Elmer B. Holtz, 69, of Holly Hill, Fla., formerly of Agawam, retired from the American Can Co., Fairport, N.Y., died Tuesday May 31 in Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach. Born in Mendon, N.Y., he lived in Agawam several years before moving to Florida and was an Air Force veteran of World War II. He leaves his wife, Thelma (Beers) Johnson Holtz; a son, R. Allison Johnson of Longmeadow; two brothers, Donald

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Young Businesswomen's of the Week

This week the Agawam Advertiser-News has chosen for its Young Businesswomen of the week, two sisters, Dawn and Michelle Fontaine, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fontaine of Agawam.

Dawn Fontaine



photo by Jack Devine

Twelve year old Dawn is a student at the Agawam Middle School where she is in the seventh grade. Her favorite school subject is science. Dawn likes to swim, and belong to the 4-H Club. In the summertime she works in the 4-H garden on Leonard Street, and in the winter she is involved in arts and crafts, making quilts and puppets. Dawn also plays the bells in the school band. D

Dawn delivers the Advertiser-News on Campbell Drive, Channell Drive, Florida Drive, South Florida Drive, and a portion of River Road.

Michelle Fontaine



photo by Jack Devine

Eleven year old Michelle is a sixth grade student at the Agawam Middle School. Her favorite school subject is Math. Michelle likes swimming and flower arranging, and is also a 4-H member. She, too, likes gardening and spends a good part of her summer working in the 4-H garden. She plays the flute in the school band. Michelle delivers the paper on Sycamore Terrace, Cyprus Terrace, Chestnut Lane, Lawnwood Street, Laura Circle, Forest Road, and a portion of River Road.

FOUND: Beautiful male collie-shepard brown w-black markings. Vicinity Elbert and Main Streets, Agawam 786-8176.

Obituaries

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Clarence, of Shortsville, N.Y. a sister, Edna Holtz of Rochester N.Y.; and four grandchildren. A graveside service was held Friday June 2 in Rushville (N.Y.) Cemetery. Cotton Funeral Home, Victor, N.Y., was in charge. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

CHRISTINE FARBER

Christine A. (Zellhan) Farber, 85, of 66 Cooper St., died Sunday morning May 28 in a local nursing home. Born in Germany, she lived in Agawam for many years. She was the wife of the late Henry Farber who died in 1955. She leaves a son, Frederick H. of Agawam; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A private funeral was held Wednesday May 31 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

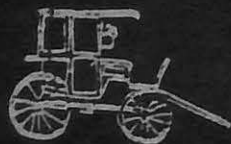
WILLIAM J. STARZYK JR.

William J. Starzyk Jr., 35, of 66 Hastings St., Feeding Hills, died Monday May 30 in Newington Veterans Hospital, Newington, Conn. Born in Governor's Island, N.Y. he grew up in Agawam and served 18 years in the Air Force. He served in Vietnam and was discharged with the rank of a technical sergeant. He leaves a son, John Paul of Abilene, Texas; a daughter, Shana Beth of Abilene, Texas; his parents, William J. Sr. and Stella (Kosdowska) Starzyk of Agawam; a brother, Dennis of Northampton; and two sisters, Nancy Jean and Victoria Ann, both of Cambridge. A private funeral was held Wednesday at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Island Pond Cemetery, Ludlow. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Tuesday June 6 Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, apple sauce, tossed salad with shredded carrots and French dressing, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Wednesday June 7 Lemonade, baked hamburger & curly macaroni, with spaghetti sauce, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, Italian bread and butter, cherry jello with whip topping, milk.

Thursday June 8 Baked fish bites, buttered niblet corn, oven French fries, tartar sauce or ketchup, ice cream cup, milk.

Friday June 9 Oven roasted turkey and gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered diced carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, whole wheat bread and butter, sweet potato cake with butter icing, milk.

Monday June 12 Pizza with cheese & hamburger topping, tossed salad with spinach greens and mayonnaise dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tuesday June 13 Sliced turkey sandwich on roll, with lettuce and mayonnaise, fresh carrot sticks, apple sauce, chocolate wacky cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday June 14 Chilled lemonade, curly macaroni & hamburger in spaghetti sauce, cole slaw, buttered Italian bread, dessert, milk.

Thursday June 15 Oven roasted chicken, steamed rice, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate pudding, whip topping, milk.

Friday June 16 Meat ball grinder with sauce, oven French fries, buttered niblet corn, ice cream cup, milk.

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street, Agawam, Mass.

Menu: (Subject to change on very hot days)

June 5 Baked beans, wieners, coleslaw, peaches.

June 7 Chicken croquettes, rice, lettuce, cherry crisp.

June 8 Beef stew with onions and tomatoes, whipped potatoes, custard.

June 9 Ham and noodle casserole, green bean salad, fresh fruit.

June 10 Tuna salad, rolls, broccoli, apple pie.

June 12 Hamburg patties, mashed potatoes, corn salad, cherries.

June 13 Italian sausages, spanish rice, spinach, jello.

June 14 Chicken fricassee in pattie shells, lettuce, sheet cake.

June 15 Soup, rolls, cottage cheese with fruit salad, cookie.

June 16 Fish with lemon butter, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit.

Hypertension clinic: June 6 and June 13

Foot Clinic: June 15. You need an appointment for this clinic.

On June 21 we will have the oral cancer clinic (cancer of the tongue and mouth) at the Heritage Nursing Home. Please sign up soon for this very important, quick and painless clinic. We will provide transportation to the clinic.

AGAWAM COUNCIL ON AGING

On Sunday, June 25, we will celebrate our first anniversary in the new Senior Center with a lunch a a variety show. Lunch will be at 1 p.m., the show at 2 p.m. Price is \$2.50, and we will have to limit the guests to 200. Please come soon to buy your ticket, there will be no

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 6, 1978

Community Grange Meeting
8:00 P.M.
Grange Home
West Street, Feeding Hills

JUNE 10, 1978

Annual Strawberry Supper
5-7 P.M. Continuous Servings
Feeding Hills
Congregational Church
North Westfield Street

JUNE 17, 1978

Junior Grange Carnival
12 Noon - 4 P.M.
Grange Home
West Street, Feeding Hills

JUNE 11, 1978

Craft Fair & Tag Sale
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
YMCA Family Outdoor Center
Agawam

JUNE 23, 1978

Agawam Policeman's Ball
Cocktails 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Dinner 7:30 P.M.
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J. W. is coming!

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Bellotti To Challenge Postal Increase

Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti said today he will file a Petition for Review with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston challenging the 15 cent first class postal rate increase.

"Massachusetts is one of 13 states which appeared before the Postal Rate Commission in the rate-making proceeding leading to the 15 cent proposal, and is therefore eligible to appeal the Postal Commission's decision," Bellotti said.

"We have been working on this case with those 13 states, and particularly with Attorney General Joseph Brennan of Maine, and will continue to assert that the first class mail rates are discriminatory and force first class users to subsidize the rates of other classes of mailers," Bellotti said.

"I believe that this is illegal," Bellotti said.

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Ernest F. Lombardi, left, and Edward Borgatti

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Owner Ernest F. Lombardi of Agawam has been operating the Green Gables for twenty years. The building itself dates back "at least sixty years" and originally was operated as an inn and restaurant.

When Mr. Lombardi purchased the building in 1958, he remodeled it as a night club. In 1968 he again remodeled the main floor as a "New York Style Club" and used the upstairs exclusively as a banquet facility. In 1976 the upstairs was again remodeled and is presently used as a restaurant and banquet facility.

Filled with antiques, the dining room offers an intimate atmosphere where patrons may dine leisurely on some of the finest Italian Cuisine offered in this area. Chef Ed Borgatti, also of Agawam, takes pride in his culinary skills and gives each dish his individual attention.

Hostess Sandy "Sam" Vella oversees the dining room operation which is open on Thursday nights from 5-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday evenings from

5-11 p.m. These are their hours summer hours - for June, July and August. During the rest of the year the dining room is also open on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5-10 p.m.

The menu, which is Italian, runs the gamut from pasta dishes, to beef, chicken, fish, and their specialty, veal. Prices range from a modest \$2.50 for spaghetti and meatballs, soup and salad, to \$9.75 for Linguini with fresh clams, shrimp, and lobster in a marinara sauce or a "Chefs Delight" consisting of fresh shrimp, clams, scallops, and lobster all sauteed in a white clam sauce. All entrees at the Green Gables include soup du jour, salad, vegetable, french fries or spaghetti.

There is a personally selected wine list, and some truly Italian deserts to round off your meal.

The main floor offers a night club atmosphere with live entertainment Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

The food is excellent, the drinks reasonable and the atmosphere is relaxing. Mr. Lombardi's Tiffany lamp collection, fifty seven in all, is definitely worth seeing for those of you who appreciate the beauty of the past.

Why not pay them a visit. The Green Gables is definitely a unique restaurant, close to home, and in the business of pleasing its customers.

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The Committee To Re-Elect
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At the recent presentation of Citations to the Agawam Police Auxiliary are from left: Town Manager Peter Caputo, Ruth Zucco, Jack Devine, and State Representative Edward Connelly.
photo by Russ Mansfield

Police Auxiliary Cited

In ceremonies at the Polish American Club recently, John (Jack) Devine, Chief of the Agawam Auxiliary Police was presented with three citations commending he and his men a job well done in their volunteer service to the people of Agawam.

Town Manager Peter Caputo presented a proclamation from the Town of Agawam; Mrs. Ruth Zucco presented Devine with a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate on behalf of Senator Alan Sisitsky; and State Representative Edward

Connelly presented a citation from the State House of Representatives.

All commended Jack, his officers and his men for a "job well done", crediting the men for their efforts in maintaining a high standard of performance and a dedication to duty.

State Senate Official Citation

Be it known, that the Massachusetts Senate hereby extends its Congratulations to: The Agawam Auxiliary Police

In Recognition of: Their many years of dedicated public service to the Town of Agawam under the direction of Chief of Police John P. Devine; and Be it further known that the Massachusetts Senate extends best wishes for continued success; that this Citation be duly signed by the President of the Senate and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate.

By: Kevin B. Harrington
President of the Senate
Attest: Edward B. O'Neill
Clerk of the Senate
Offered by: Alan Sisitsky
State Senator
Date: May 25, 1978

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In The Year One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight

RESOLUTIONS COMMENDING THE AGAWAM AUXILIARY POLICE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

Whereas, The Agawam Auxiliary Police have been organized and trained to render professional assistance for maintaining public safety in the town of Agawam; and

Whereas, Their participation in civic and private functions has brought distinguished recognition of their capability; and

Whereas, Under the present leadership of their

Captain, John P. Devine, the Agawam Auxiliary Police unit has become a source of pride; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives hereby commends the Agawam Auxiliary Police for their outstanding service to their community and extends to them its sincere best wishes for continued success; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Agawam Auxiliary Police.

House of Representatives, adopted, May 23, 1978.

Thomas W. McGee
Speaker of the House
Wallace C. Mills
Clerk of the House
Offered by:
REPRESENTATIVE
EDWARD W. CONNELLY

Mrs. D's...

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the Amway Products on Main St. in Agawam, and John Juliano, an executive with Monsanto. The Board placed several restrictions on the Granting of the variance; it is for three years with a review as to

possible changes in traffic patterns. It also sets a morning and evening curfew; sets conditions for parking, litter, parking and several other stipulations.

Mr. Progulski announced that the decision was a

difficult one to make and that those people in the community who opposed the decision were allowed twenty days to appeal before the variance becomes effective. Mrs. Cavanaugh is expected to appeal.

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The World Around Me
by Patricia Lawrence

The world around me is like a fantasy land.
Especially when I'm in the woods.
The woods are full of plants and trees.
The woods have flowers and some bees.

I like the woods with smells of all sorts.
Sometime I go in the woods and I wear my shorts.
I like it when the birds sing.
Once I saw a bird with a broken wing.

Cool Thoughts of Spring

by Philip Borello

Trees and flowers blossoming brightly.
Birds singing in the air.
It's cool, breezy; the water runs down the lake.

The woodpecker hits the wood.
The wind blows the American flag back and forth.

The leaves blow across the ground while an ant runs to its home.

I love the way the birds sing and the wind blows.

Spring

by Dede Murphy

The stream is singing
A happy tune.
The leaves on the trees
Are swaying.
Dandelions sprouting everywhere.
At last it's Spring!

The World Around Me

by David Andry

The trees are blowing and caterpillars are growing.
The dandelions are out and the flowers will sprout.
Winter is done and summer is fun.
Spring is here and summer is near.

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Sports

Piranhas Splash For Cash

by Diane Gallagher

There are Piranhas in the Agawam Junior High School swimming pool. The Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas swim team is back in the water...this time for its 1978 summer season. Over 75 Agawam boys and girls, aged 5-18, are in training for the team's competitive season in the Western Mass. Summer Swim League, which begins July 6. Besides training for competition, the Piranhas are currently preparing for their second annual SWIM-A-THON, under the auspices of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF), of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

By soliciting pledges from community members of money-per-length of the pool each Piranha swims in a two-hour period, the team hopes to raise enough money

to pay coaching fees and buy needed team equipment. The SWIM-A-THON will go on between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, at the YMCA Agawam Outdoor Center, Perry Lane, Agawam. Rain dates are June 17 and 18. Team members and other boosters are anxious to show off their skills, and invite spectators to the event.

While the largest part of the money raised is kept by the team for its expenses during the year, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to help the swimming program at the Outdoor Center. In addition, a donation will be made to the ISHOF Travel Fund, to aid competitive swimmers all over the country.

Not only Piranhas, but also Piranhas' parents and

other, non-Piranha boosters will join the team in its SWIM-A-THON--the only fund-raiser the team has each year. Each swimmer will be limited to a maximum of one, continuous 2-hr. period in the water, or a maximum of 200 lengths of the 25-yd. pool, whichever comes first. At last year's SWIM-A-THON, 24 people swam that maximum 200 lengths, and received special honors from both the team and ISHOF. Every swimmer who participates receives a certificate of recognition from ISHOF and a patch for his warm-up jacket.

Coach Judi Gregory predicts a good competitive season for the team. "We should do well with the talent we have," she said at a recent practice session, "the only thing that can hurt us is numbers." Ms. Gregory wasn't referring to scores. Instead, her cautious optimism referred to the small number of swimmers in some of the team's age groups, compared to those of the Piranhas' competition in the league this summer, such towns as Springfield, Longmeadow, E. Longmeadow, and Easthampton. Judi, as the team calls her, was obviously pleased when she talked about the team's conditioning, progress, and enthusiastic hard work.

About thirty "first-timers" joined the Piranhas for this, the team's fifth competitive season. The rest of the team consists of young people who stick with the team in winter and summer seasons, progressing through its age groups and developing their swimming skills according to individual abilities. Many of the Piranhas swim on the AHS varsity swim teams in season, and some swim with the Sunrise Swim Club, the local AAU-caliber group. Rodney Richardson, Commissioner of the team, sees the high rate of returnees as a testament to the team's program and its progress. "I've seen kids progress from barely being able to swim freestyle one length of the pool, to being competitors in all four strokes", recalls Richardson: "That's why I encourage the community to support this A.A.A. program with pledges for the SWIM-A-THON. If you want to pledge and one of our

swimmers doesn't contact you, call me at 786-2952. Pledges are welcome up to the time a swimmer has finished his time in the water."

Don't be surprised if a Piranha puts the bite on you!

Piranhas Schedule

by Diane Gallagher

The Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas swim team has announced its schedule of dual meets for the 1978 Western Mass. Summer Swim League season. Unless otherwise announced, all meets begin with warm-ups at 5:30 p.m., competition beginning at 6:00 p.m. The team's home meets are held in the Agawam Junior High School pool, and the community is invited to come out and support the team. For "away" meets, team members and their families meet at the Junior High School and "car-pool" to the competition's pool. The schedule:

July 6 Easthampton Away
July 13 Springfield Home
July 18 Westfield Away
July 25 E. Longmeadow Home

July 27 Longmeadow Away
July 31 Hampshire Regional Home

The above teams represent about one half the teams in the Summer Swim League. The League Championship Meet will be held this year August 5 and 6 at a place to be announced.

A.A.A.

Highlights

SUBURBAN SOCCER

Agawam AA Soccer boosted their record to 7-1-1 and First Place in the Pioneer Valley League.

Thursday night at Kiley Jr. High, Agawam beat previously undefeated St. Catherine 2-1, with Billy O'Brien and Davy Jenks scoring. David Stratton, Tim Guinieri, and Jeff Fuller playing well.

Friday night at Ludlow Vets Field, Agawam beat 16 Acres Lions 1-0 with Davy Jenks getting the goal. David Merrill, Andy Merrill, and David Jenks having a good night.

Saturday morning at Kennedy Jr. High, Agawam

beat St. Matthews 4-1, with Davy Jenks scoring 3 times

Coaches Bill O'Brien and Dave Stratton feel the teams success comes from a lot of hard work, dedication, and team play with every member of the team contributing.

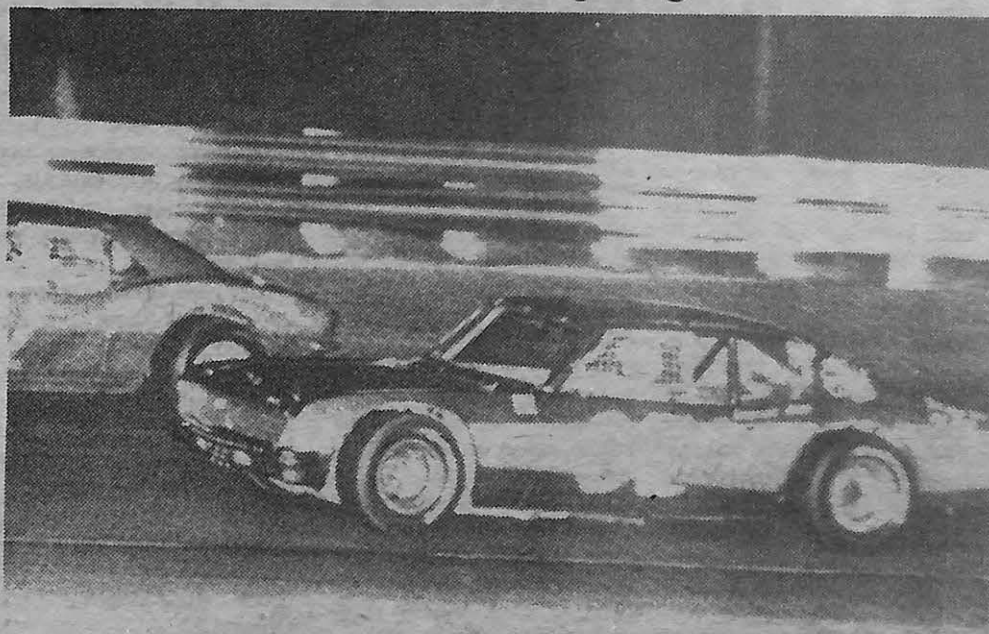
GIRLS 8-10

AGAWAM FIRE ASSOC. (30) vs FEEDING HILLS PHARMACY (5). For Agawam Fire Assoc. Kim Williams, and Tracy Armstrong pitched well. Denise Dupont and Patricia Landry each had 4 hits. Missy Sheehan played well. NO REPORT FROM FEEDING HILLS PHARMACY COACH!!

BOYS BASEBALL HI-LITES 8-10

WHYTE REALTY (18) vs AAA LANDSCAPING (7). For Whyte Realty great hitting by Scotty Dennis and Alex Jorgensen. Tony Moccio played super behind the plate. Excellent team hitting. For AAA Landscaping Glen Hood got 3 for 4 with a big double. Stevie Grasso pitched real good.

Rosati Wins Third Straight At Stafford Springs



Tom Rosati in car #7 races at Stafford Speedway.

by Larry Bouchard

Agawam's Tom Rosati, number 07, has won three in a row at Stafford Springs Speedway. In his most recent win, young Rosati began the race in the twelfth position and by the fifth lap had worked his way into third place. By the fourteenth lap he had managed to work his way into the lead, which he held until the checkered flag fell at the end of the twentieth lap of the main event.

Tom has a string of 15 main event wins going for him which began last year during his rookie season. The twelve wins last year allowed him to run away with the track title. Tom also races in Canada on Sundays and is making his driving reputation known to the racing crowd.

On my last visit to the track I had the opportunity to talk to Tom's sister

Cheryl. She said that Tom's ambition is to drive a modified in competition against his brother John. The way this seventeen year old is driving it won't be long before he will be one of New England's finest drivers.

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"Snake" Eyes Major League Draft

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The main news presently going on in the Agawam sports world is the upcoming Major League Draft - and who from Agawam will be one of the few who will get everyone's dream to someday play in the big leagues.

Agawam's main man, as well as the rest of Western Massachusetts' main man, is the Brownie's own Mike Riley. The major league baseball draft is this Tuesday, June 6th, Riley is expected to be picked early, as he is one of the most heralded pitchers in this area since fireballer Bill St. Clair hurled for Tech a few years back.

Last Tuesday was Riley's last Valley Wheel start for Agawam, as he tossed an 8-1 victory for the Brownies in front of a usual array of 12 scouts, all out to see the player they call the "Snake".

Riley had a no-hitter for five and a third inning against Putnam in his last start as a senior until Jose Santana connected for a double to right. The "Snake's" fastball was clocked at 89 m.p.h. last Tuesday afternoon, as registered by the M.L.B. scout's jugs gun, which measures the velocity of a baseball.

Thus far this season, Riley is 9-1, with only three earned runs in 73 innings pitched, (.037 ERA). Along with 28 hits (only two of them for extra bases), 108 strikeouts,

and 24 walks, Riley also has one save.

Last season, Riley wasn't exactly the best pitcher in the league, but was feared among batters. He marked a 6-6 pitching tally, with a .375 batting average, which is considered respectable for a junior who was just developing his blazing fastball of the present.

Boston Red Sox official Tommy Harper commented recently about the drafting system, and how the Red Sox will not be able to acquire Riley because of other team preferences.

"There are so many teams before us. But the people will still get on us because we lost another local player," Harper said referring to the loss of Riley to other teams in the draft.

Whatever the outcome, scouts don't fly, bus, and hitchhike to Agawam for their health, or anyone else who can swing a bat or catch a baseball. And you can bet on that.

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Agawam Brownies Tournament Bound

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam Brownie baseball team will be going to this year's Western Mass. Division I baseball tournament for the seventh time in the past eight years, thanks to their impressive hitting and fielding of the 1978 season.

The Brownies will be facing top-seeded Taconic (18-3), while hoping to throw a wrench in the timing of the Braves, who will be trying to make this championship year No. 3.

The tough Agawam team will be facing another talented squad on the Taconic side, with eight of their nine hitters batting over .300. Riley will have to face Brave leftfielder Tom Bowler, who has five homers to his credit, and speed demon Dan Sheran, who is one of the biggest base-stealing threats in the Western Mass. area.

On the other hand, Taconic will have to contend with

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slowly reeled in the line. "I'm ready Bri, don't reel too fast and keep the tip of your pole up so the fish fights it instead of your tight line," instructed Edie. Brian's fish was a nice one. 16 inches long and at least a pound and half. As the day wore on more boats were launched and many speed boats were treading through the fishermen.

Brian caught another trout and Grandma lost a good size rainbow and caught a nice fat brown trout. Grandpa lost one and ended up the day "skunked."

At noon the sixteen foot Starcraft looked like the Love Boat at dinner time.

Grandma outdid herself. Potato salad, boiled ham, raddishes, pickles, cucumbers, and cheese. Man, did it disappear quickly. Blue water, balmy breezes, reeling in fish, letting out line, driving the boat ziggling and zagging changing lures, and untangling "bird nests" builds up the appetite.

We called it quits at 4 p.m. and headed home. The boys were very subdude and Jeremy fell asleep on his grandmother's lap. However, he woke up when we backed the boat into the yard. He disappeared into

the house for awhile. Out of the house he came and announced that his dad said that the fish they caught would make a good fish fry in the near future. We were astounded. "How did you remember your telephone number?" asked Edie "I read it in my hat," he replied, My mom wrote it in there in "case I got lost."

I am enjoying this plateau of my life and wouldn't trade it for anything on this earth. It won't be long before the phone will ring again and a small voice will ask, "grandpa when will we be going fishing again.?"

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Tournament Bound...

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winner of the Pittsfield-Chicopee Comp contest, while the victors of the Cathedral-Holyoke match will be meeting the winner of Classical-Minnechaug.

The Classical-Minnechaug contest may well become the grudge match of the entire tournament, as both teams are equally matched. Minnechaug took the Valley Wheel crown this season, and earned a tourney spot for the first time in the history of Falcon baseball.

Agawam has the best chance of knocking the reigning champions of Taconic from their throne for the first time in two years, as Riley could be the prime factor in the decision of the quarterfinal contest.

All Western Mass. baseball tournament action is expected to start this Monday, June 5, with the higher seeds gaining home field advantages.

Send In Your Sports News

Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba



I have always looked upon my life on this earth as stepping from one plateau to another. For example; graduating from high school...five years in the Navy during World War Two...marrying and being blessed with two fine boys...at present enjoying two grandsons, Brian age 7 and Jeremy 5. My wife and I introduced the boys to fishing at an early age. Brian was 5 and Jeremy 3. We packed them off for a week of fishing in Canada and enjoyed every minute of the time spent with them. They love fishing and learn very quickly. We have spent 10 hours at a time in the boat trolling in Canada. When I announced that it was time to quit, the roof fell in. Brian told me that we just could not stop fishing now, because he could hear the fish under the boat and they were waiting to hit our trolling lures. He was very serious about it.

The preceding paragraph is back ground to a very enjoyable day spent on Otis Reservoir recently. Earlier in the week the phone rang at supper time and very inquisitive voice asked, "grandpa, do you think we could go fishing soon?" I hesitated for a minute and then said, "how about you and Jeremy sleeping over Friday night and we will get up very early and go to Otis Reservoir Saturday morning. Oh Boy! "We will be there."

At five Saturday morning, I rolled out of bed and quietly started the coffee. Almost immediately, the patter of little feet sounded on the stairs coming from the bedrooms on the upper level. "Is grandma going to make her special flap jacks for breakfast", inquired Jeremy. Edie answered yes. She makes pancakes the size of a silver dollar and the kids love them. We discovered that they will put away a good breakfast when the pancakes are served this way.

Well, the boat was loaded in record time and two coolers loaded with goodies and one stocked with ice for the fish we were going to catch. We did not want to drag fish on a stringer for hours. The fish will spoil quickly when treated this way. We put the fish in a bread bag and place them on ice. When we arrive home after 8 to 10 hours of fishing, the fish are just as firm and fresh as when we caught them.

The boat ramp was 75 percent filled when we arrived. The boat was launched and out on the water before I began rigging up the fly rods we were to use. The boys picked out the rods they wanted and the color mooselooks they were going to use. Jeremy wanted a silver one, Brian an orange with black spots, and grandma tied on her favorite, the junior size red. I tied on a cardinal fly. I cranked up the motor and brought the speed up to three on the trollex and out went the lines. We troll with 18' leadcore line with fifty to sixty feet of leader.

Suddenly Jeremy's reel started to sing! "I got a trout", shouted Jeremy. I stopped the boat and we started to reel in our lines. "Reel in slow and steady Jeremy, coached grandma, til I get my line in and I will net the fish for you." "Look at the trout jump" shouted Brian excitedly. "I'm in," said Edie. "Bring the fish into me Jeremy and I will net it." She made a swoop with the net and a flopping fish came aboard. Jeremy grabbed the trout with a towel that we use for handling thrashing trout. The rainbow measured 14 inches.

I started the boat into motion again and we settled back waiting for another fish to hit. After fifteen minutes had elapsed, it was peanut butter sandwich time. An hour went by, the fish watched our offerings go by. Suddenly, Brian's rod bent and the reel began singing as the line peeled out. Way back of the boat a good size rainbow came out of the water. "Net my fish grandma," called Brian as he

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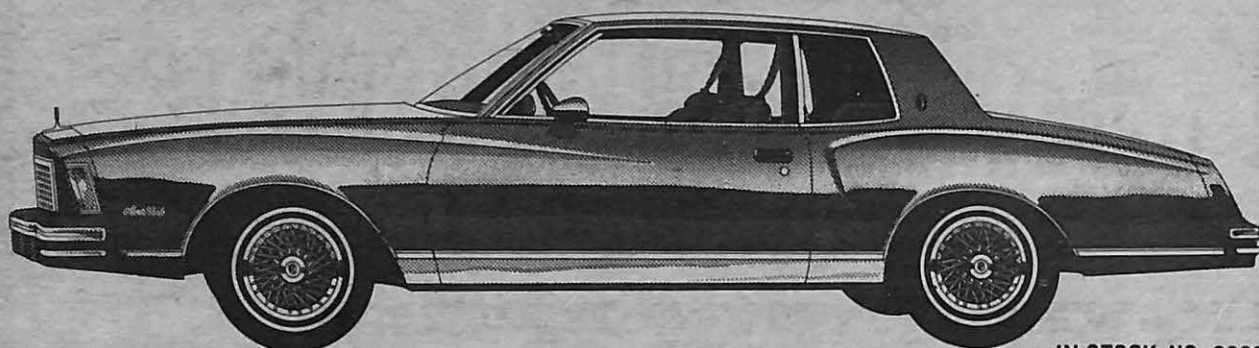
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A.A.A. Highlights

WHYTE REALTY (25) vs STAN'S SOFT SERVE (3). For Whyte Realty Jimmy (Soup) Vergnani was great in relief. Frank Moccio and Erik Debonis played well. The team got 21 hits with 3 homers. For Stan's Soft Serve Bobby Aversa got a hit and played good at first. Dean George played great at the plate. Pete Saracino got a good hit and played super at short. Coaches of both teams commented on Pete's great plays.

AAA LANDSCAPING (18) vs CHIM'S RESTAURANT (17). For AAA Landscaping Steve Grasso went 4 for 4 with a 3 run homer. Glen Hood went 3 for 3 with a 2 run homer. Todd Mazza got 4 for 4. **NO REPORT FROM CHIM'S COACH!!**

MEDICAL PERSONNEL (19) vs CENTURY AUTO (8). For Medical Personnel Robby Long had his 1st homer of the year and played excellent behind the plate. Steve Jarvis and Jim Anderson both played a great game in the field. **NO REPORT FROM CENTURY'S COACH!!**

MUSHY'S (21) vs COREY COLONIAL (13). For Mushy's Todd Goodrich went 3 for 4 with a homer. Bob McMullin went 3 for 4 with 6 RBI's. Great fielding play by Brien Smith. For Corey Colonial Steven Milliken was great in relief. Dennis Punch got 3 hits. A. Grogameni got 4 for 4.

CENTRY AUTO (33) vs MUSHY'S (6). For Century Auto Doug Thies hit a grand slam, a double and 2 singles. David Consolini and Richard Wescott both went 4 for 4. **NO REPORT FROM MUSHY'S COACH!!**

ABBETT TAX (6) vs COREY COLONIAL (0). For Abbett Tax D. Faucette got 12 strike outs and hit a triple. Jeffrey Lane played good defensive ball and hit a double. Chris Bowry hit a triple. **NO REPORT FROM COREY COACH!!**

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